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MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Letter from [REDACTED] to Director of 25X1X7
Central Intelligence, dated 10 February 1948.

1. Subject letter is essentially a request for three categories of basic intelligence:

- a. Basic intelligence on Spitzbergen
- b. Military experiences in Arctic operations
- c. Civilian and commercial solutions of engineering problems in Arctic regions

2. The normal procedure for obtaining this information would be to submit to OCD a collection request which, upon completion, would be transmitted [REDACTED]. From the latter's 25X1X7 viewpoint this procedure would be highly advantageous, since it utilizes a single collection source instead of numerous liaison channels to the several Departments. However, should such a precedent be established it is evident that eventually a considerable amount of effort would be required in serving the 25X1X7 interests [REDACTED] with a corresponding diminution of effort expended in fulfilling our own requirements.

25X1C8c 3. It has already been decided, in the case of a previous request from [REDACTED] for Soviet port data, that we would supply only CIA finished basic intelligence (i.e., NIS, JANIS, 25X1X7 and SID-USSR) [REDACTED]. This appears to be a sound procedure which insures that our basic intelligence production under the NIS Program will not be seriously interrupted, and that [REDACTED] 25X1X7 will receive this intelligence as rapidly as we can produce it, but in conformity with our priority requirements and not with theirs.

25X1X7 4. It is recommended, therefore, that for the present CIA supply only finished basic intelligence [REDACTED], and that 25X1X7 the subject request and any future requests of a similar nature from [REDACTED] be directed to the Departments concerned through the liaison channels which [REDACTED] has with these Departments. 25X1X7

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5. There is submitted herewith a draft reply to [REDACTED] 25X1C8c
25X1C8c [REDACTED] which reflects the above recommendations.

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